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Dear Mr Berdalin,

We are addressing you as Members of the European Parliament with regard to the case of Vladimir Kozlov, who is currently serving his term of 7,5 years of detention in a penal facility in Petropavlovsk.

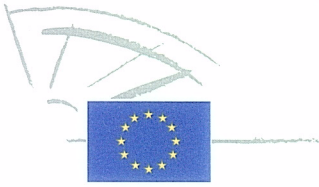
With this letter, we would like to ask that Mr Kozlov be transferred to a detention facility located closer to his last place of residence, as well as the current place of residence of his wife, which is the city of Almaty.

According to the Article 68 of the Code of Criminal Procedure of the Republic of Kazakhstan, *a convicted person shall serve his/her sentence in a colony within the area of his/her last residence prior to his/her arrest*, therefore we would like to enquire, in the first place, about the reasons for which Vladimir Kozlov was placed in a detention facility that far from the last place of his residence – Almaty.

The long distance between Almaty and Petropavlovsk, as well as difficult weather conditions in winter will soon make it impossible for Mr Kozlov's wife, Aliya Turusbekova, who is in her sixth month of pregnancy, to visit her husband. Serving his term in Petropavlovsk, it will, therefore, be impossible for Mr Kozlov to meet his wife and soon-to-be-born child, as is his right.

Taking into account the above mentioned arguments and particular conditions of the family of Mr Vladimir Kozlov, as well as the pro-family policy promoted in the recent months by the President of the Republic of Kazakhstan, Nurstultan Nazarbayev, we are asking you to positively consider the possibility of a transfer for Mr Kozlov from the current detention facility in Petropavlovsk to one, located closer to Almaty.

To our knowledge, both Vladimir Kozlov and his wife, Aliya Turusbekova have already presented such a request but have so far received a negative answer. We would like to ask about the reason of such a decision and verify whether the case of Vladimir Kozlov's transfer could be reconsidered. We are sure that, taken into



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account all the details as exposed above, the decision to grant the transfer to a detention facility located closer to Almaty should only be a formality.

Furthermore, we would like to express our concern over Vladimir Kozlov's health conditions. We have been informed that he suffers from numerous health problems, including a severe pain in the right hip joint, as well as problems with high blood pressure, which could lead to a stroke.

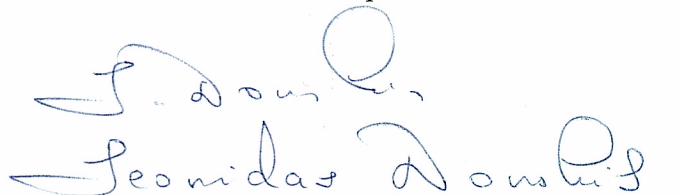
International rights organizations denounce that Vladimir Kozlov does not receive the proper medical care that he needs. We would like to ask you to ensure that Vladimir Kozlov is being provided the required health care in the detention facility.

From the beginning of the detention of Vladimir Kozlov in Petropavlovsk, no international observers were permitted to visit him in prison in order to assess his health conditions. We are convinced that such visits are necessary to ensure transparency.

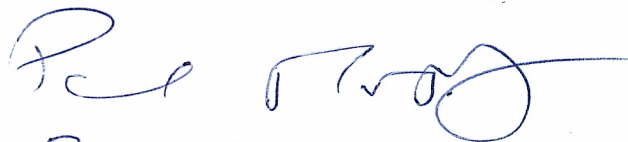
We are looking forward to receiving your response to our letter.

Respectfully,


Members of the European Parliament:

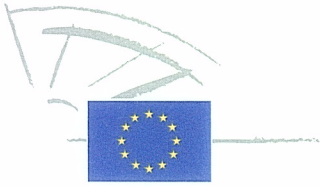

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